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GOD'S HOUSE

When people go to summon God
  Unto his earthly throne,
The roof whereunder God may house
  Must be a cry in stone.

For God, he will not hear a prayer
  That lies against the ground—
How shall the worm lift up to God
  So suppliant a sound?

How shall the birds who build so small
  Be heard beneath the sky?—
Or those who have no mason's hand
  Be shriven with a cry?

Ten million spires of prayer there be
  In Christendom today—
There is no God in Lisser Wood,
  Or on the queen's highway.

And I who cannot square a stone,
  Or lodge beneath a roof,
Have heard strange horns on sundown hills
  And seen the devil's hoof!

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